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TAGS: SREF, EAID, AF, PK
SUBJECT: AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN:UPCOMING
AID-TO-PAKISTAN CONSORTIUM

REF: (A) STATE 60181; (B) STATE 58707

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY:
GOP IS PREPARING SPECIAL PAPER ON AID TO REFUGEES FOR APRIL AID-TO-PAKISTAN PARIS CONSORTIUM AND EXPECTS TO DISCUSS REFUGEES IN AT LEAST AS MUCH DETAIL AS AT APRIL 1983 CONSORTIUM MEETING. A MEMORANDUM ON RELIEF ASSISTANCE FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN IN 1984-85 IS UNDER PREPARATION. TO HELP WITH TRANSPORTATION THE GOP WILL ASK DONORS TO PURCHASE WHEAT LOCALLY, TO CONTRIBUTE CASH, AND TO GET WFP TO PREPARE SHIPPING SCHEDULE FOR ENTIRE YEAR. A SAFRON OFFICIAL WILL ATTEND CONSORTIUM TO MAKE PRESENTATION ON REFUGEES.
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END SUMMARY.

3. [redacted] APRIL AID-TO-PAKISTAN CONSORTIUM WITH REGARD TO REFUGEES IN CONVERSATION WITH REFUGEE COUNSELOR ON MARCH 4. GOP ANTICIPATES DISCUSSION OF REFUGEES IN AT LEAST AS MUCH DETAIL AS LAST YEAR. GOP IS PREPARING A PAPER SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR'S MEMORANDUM ON RELIEF ASSISTANCE FOR

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AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN, 1983-84 (SEE 83 ISLAMABAD 06187 FOR FULL TEXT). THE PAPER WILL BE LONGER THAN LAST YEAR'S AND WILL INDICATE AREAS WHERE GOP FEELS ASSISTANCE IS MOST NEEDED. THE PAPER IS UNDER PREPARATION AND

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WILL PREPARE A TABULATION OF TOTAL FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR 1984-85 FOR THE GOP'S ASSISTANCE TO AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN. HE BELIEVES WFP AND UNHCR ASSISTANCE WILL BE SOMEWHAT LESS THAN LAST YEAR. HE ANTICIPATES THAT THE COSTS FOR THE UNHCR WORLD BANK INCOME-GENERATING PROJECT, FOR INLAND TRANSPORTATION AND FOR THE REFUGEES' MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE WILL BE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS INDICATED IN 1983-84.

5. TRANSPORTATION.

LAST YEAR THE GOP APPEALED FOR ASSISTANCE IN TRANSPORTATION OF REFUGEE RELIEF SUPPLIES. IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS THE GOP HAS SWITCHED TRANSPORT OF MANY OF THESE SUPPLIES TO ROAD

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THAT THE CAPACITY OF THE RAILWAYS IS SATURATED. HE SAID IN THIS YEAR'S APPEAL THE GOP WILL ASK DONORS (1) TO MAKE LOCAL PURCHASES OF WHEAT FOR WFP PROGRAM, (2) TO CONTRIBUTE CASH FOR INLAND TRANSPORT EXPENDITURES, AND (3) TO GET WFP TO FORMULATE A SHIPPING SCHEDULE FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.

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6.

WILL ATTEND THE PARIS MEETINGS TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION ON REFUGEES.

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